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Last Of Soledad Brothers Ask Probe Of San Quentin

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a tumultuous court hearing, two judges refused demands Tuesday by the two surviving Soledad Brothers to order black legislators admitted into San Quentin Prison "to see what is happening" at the scene of Saturday's escape try in which six men died.

George Jackson, 29, the third of the Soledad Brothers, was shot down in the break attempt after three white guards and two white prisoners had been killed in the prison's maximum security adjustment center.

"If you don't act in some manner to get these men (black legislators and black community leaders) into that prison you can blow this country so wide apart it will never be recognized," John Thorne, Jackson's attorney told Superior Court Judge Carl Allen.

"I don't deem that to be my function," Allen responded.

At that point, John Clutchette, 28, and Fleeta Drumgo, 26, the surviving Soledad Brothers, sat bare-chested in court after stripping off their shirts.

They had limped into the courtroom in khaki shirts and trousers and closely-clipped hair and their attorneys had charged both had been beaten up in the prison adjustment center.

"There are broken arms and busted heads out there,"

shouted Clutchette, who is lean, tall and strong-muscled.

"They said I'd be dead in three days," declared Drumgo, thin and short with powerful shoulder muscles.

Allen is a San Francisco

judge assigned temporarily to hear pre-trial motions in the murder charging that Jackson, Clutchette and Drumgo killed a white guard at Soledad Prison in January, 1970.
